



# SIUSLAW NATIONAL FOREST **PROJECT UPDATE**

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**T**his is the quarterly edition of Project Update notifying you of Siuslaw National Forest proposed actions for which there is an opportunity for your involvement. The list contains both proposed actions and actions for which the analysis process is already underway. This update is provided to give you an overview of proposed actions on the Siuslaw National Forest in the event you would like to comment. Detailed descriptions of proposed actions can be obtained by notifying the "contact person" associated with a given project. In some cases, mailing lists have already been established for an action or category of actions. If you are already on a mailing list, you will be notified of scoping periods for those proposed actions. If you would like to be on a mailing list, notify the contact person by mail or phone.

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Proposed actions are grouped by category (Recreation, Special Use Permits, Forestry, Fish and Wildlife, Land Exchanges, Watershed Analysis, Roads, Plan Amendments and Multi-Projects), and within each category in alphabetical order by Ranger District. The information provided for each action includes name, Ranger District, legal description of location, a brief description of the proposed action, and three dates: scoping, decision, and implementation. These projected or actual dates will be updated in subsequent quarterly reports.

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## FISH & WILDLIFE

### Snag/CWD Creation

#### Hebo Ranger District

District-wide

As part of an effort to assess the effects of Swiss needle cast on natural stands, 30 stands will be sampled on the Hebo Ranger district. In order to collect limbs from the upper crown, selected trees will be topped or felled to create snags and coarse woody debris.

*Scoping: Ongoing*

*Decision: Summer 1999*

*Implementation: Fall 1999*

*Contact: Wayne Patterson, (503) 392-3161*

### Bailey Ck. Stream Restoration

#### Mapleton Ranger District

T17S, R11W, S18, 19, 30

Improve fish habitat and early seral habitat in Enchanted Valley portion of Bailey Creek.

*Scoping: Completed*

*Decision: Completed*

*Implementation: Ongoing*

*Contact: Johan Hogervorst, 902-6956*

### Post-Flood Fish Structure Repair

#### Mapleton Ranger District

District-wide

Installation, maintenance and repair of District fish structures following flood of 1996.

*Scoping: Completed*

*Decision: Completed*

*Implementation: Summer 1999-2000*

*Contact: Paul Burns, 902-6953*

### Condon Creek Cost Share - Fish Structures

#### Mapleton Ranger District

T17S, R11W, S14

Install large wood to improve stream function.

*Scoping: Completed*

*Decision: Completed*

*Implementation: Completed*

*Contact: Paul Burns, 902-6953*

### North Fork Smith Heli Placement Project- Fish Structures and Salvage

#### Mapleton Ranger District

T19S, R10W, S32, S33

Install large wood to improve stream function-helicopter placement of large down trees in the North Fork Smith River and helicopter salvage of down trees.

*Scoping: Completed*

*Decision: July 1999*

*Implementation: September 2000*

*Contact: Paul Burns, 902-6953*

### Upper Bailey Creek Restoration

#### Mapleton Ranger District

T17S, R11W, S18

Removal of alder and salmonberry and plant with native forbs and grasses.

*Scoping: Completed*

*Decision: Completed*

*Implementation: Fall 1999*

*Contact: Dan Karnes, 902-6950*

### Horsfall Wetlands Enhancement Addition

#### Oregon Dunes NRA

T24S, R13W, S29, S32

Add more trails and ponds to the Horsfall Wetlands Enhancement project by supplementing the current Environmental Assessment.

*Scoping: January 2000*

*Decision: March 2000*

*Implementation: Not yet determined.*

*Contact: Ann Carlson, 271-6040*

### Siltcoos Overflow Wetland Restoration

#### Oregon Dunes NRA

T12S, R12W; S32

Wetland habitat enhancement.

*Scoping: November 1999*

*Decision: March 2000*

*Implementation: Not yet determined*

*Contact: Ann Carlson, 271-6040*

### Big Blue Project - Cape Creek Instream Structures

#### Waldport Ranger District

T16,17S, R11,12W

Place conifer logs in a 1.5-mile section of Cape Creek.

*Scoping: Done*

*Decision: May 1996 (EA)*

*Implementation: Summer/Fall 2000*

*Contact: Bruce Buckley, 563-3211*

### Drift Home Project - Stream Complexity Enhancement

#### Waldport Ranger District

T12S, R9W

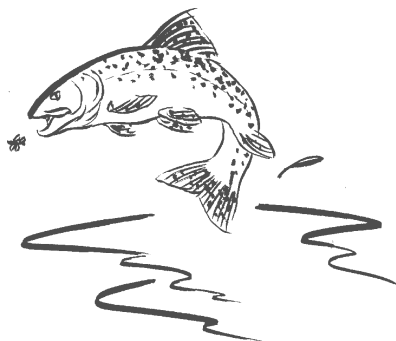
Place large wood in Gopher Creek and Upper Drift Creek to enhance stream complexity and benefit fish habitat.

*Scoping: Completed*

*Decision: DN, December 31, 1997*

*Implementation: Summer 2000*

*Contact: Jack Sleeper, 563-3211*



## FISH & WILDLIFE

### Chinquapin Point Yellow Star Thistle Control

*Waldport Ranger District*

T12S, R8W, S9

Eradication of a one-acre yellow star thistle population using chemical methods.

*Scoping: Completed*

*Decision: December 1999*

*Implementation: December 1999*

*Contact: Dan Segotta, 902-6981*

### Snag Creation

*Waldport Ranger District*

T16S, T17S, R11W, R12W

Approximately 1800 snags will be created within managed stands that were commercially thinned via the Blue Bird and Whirly Bird thinning sales. Tree topping and/or inoculation methods will be used.

*Scoping: Completed*

*Decision: Big Blue Project EA, 1996*

*Implementation: Begin 1999*

*Contact: Eric Stolsig, 563-3211*

### Lincoln Cooperative Fish Passage Restoration

*Private Lands - Wyden Funding*

T15S, R9W, S6, SE1/4

Culvert Replacement in the Five Rivers Subwatershed.

*Scoping: Completed*

*Decision: DN, 8/31/99*

*Implementation: Completed*

*Contact: Karen Bennett, 750-7101*

### West Creek Restoration

*Private Lands - Wyden Funding*

T3S, R9W, S30

Fencing, off-stream watering and riparian planting in the West Creek subwatershed.

*Scoping: Completed*

*Decision: DN, 8/31/99*

*Implementation: 1999-2000*

*Contact: Karen Bennett, 750-7101*

### North Fork Siuslaw Bioengineering Demonstration Project

*Private Lands - Wyden Funding*

T17S, R10W, S19, SW1/4

Instream habitat enhancement and erosion control in the McLeod subwatershed.

*Scoping: Completed*

*Decision: DN, 8/31/99*

*Implementation: 1999-2000*

*Contact: Karen Bennett, 750-7101*

### Deadwood Creek Powerline Relocation Demonstration Project

*Private Lands - Wyden Funding*

T16S, R8W, S26, NW1/4

Bury powerlines and re-establish riparian vegetation in the Deadwood Creek subwatershed.

*Scoping: Completed*

*Decision: DN, 8/31/99*

*Implementation: 1999-2000*

*Contact: Karen Bennett, 750-7101*

### West Fork Deadwood Enhancement

*Private Lands - Wyden Funding*

T16S, R9W, S26, NW1/4

Instream habitat enhancement and erosion control in the Deadwood Creek subwatershed.

*Scoping: Completed*

*Decision: DN, 8/31/99*

*Implementation: 1999-2000*

*Contact: Karen Bennett, 750-7101*

### N. Fork Siuslaw Estuary Tide Channel Restoration

*Private Lands - Wyden Funding*

T18S, R13W, S24, NE1/4

Reshape channel to reconnect tidal channels to Siuslaw estuary.

*Scoping: Completed*

*Decision: DN, 8/31/99*

*Implementation: 1999-2000*

*Contact: Karen Bennett, 750-7101*

### Stream Restoration Designs

*Private Lands - Wyden Funding*

Various locations in the Alsea river watershed

Develop designs for seven low-cost instream restoration projects.

*Scoping: Completed*

*Decision: DN, 8/31/99*

*Implementation: 1999-2000*

*Contact: Karen Bennett, 750-7101*

### Scholfield/Stewart Project

*Private Lands - Wyden Funding*

T22S, R12W, S18, SE1/4

Fence five acres of riparian area, construct fords, and waterbar an access road.

*Scoping: Completed*

*Decision: DN, 8/31/99*

*Implementation: 1999-2000*

*Contact: Karen Bennett, 750-7101*





## SPECIAL USE PERMITS

### **Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) Access SUP**

*Forest-wide*

BPA will be granted road access and use permits to support BPA towers and transmission lines.

*Scoping: Ongoing*

*Decision: Not yet determined*

*Implementation: Not yet determined*

*Contact: Mauricio Ribera, 750-7140*

### **Miscellaneous Special Use Permits**

*Mapleton Ranger District*

*District-wide*

Water systems, roads, transmission lines, road easements, minerals, commercial haul, and tailholds.

*Scoping: Ongoing*

*Decision: Ongoing*

*Implementation: Ongoing*

*Contact: Mark Buehrig, 902-6970*

### **Sheep Ranch Timber Sale Tailholds, Olympic Resources**

*Mapleton Ranger District*

T18S, R9W, S27

Use existing roads, construct 150-foot new road, and use 10-11 trees for tailholds.

*Scoping: Completed*

*Decision: Summer 1999*

*Implementation: 2000*

*Contact: Mark Buehrig, 902-6970*

### **Indian Creek Private Harvest Operations**

*Mapleton Ranger District*

T16S, R10W, S11

Reopen old road and construct 250 feet of new road for log haul.

*Scoping: Completed*

*Decision: Completed*

*Implementation: Completed*

*Contact: Mark Buehrig, 902-6970*

### **Beaver Creek Road Haul**

*Mapleton Ranger District*

T18-19S, R10W

Haul logs on USFS road 48831.

*Scoping: Completed*

*Decision: Completed*

*Implementation: Completed*

*Contact: Mark Buehrig, 902-6970*

### **Buck Creek Outfitter Guide**

*Mapleton Ranger District*

T15S, R8W, S33; T16S, R8W, S4,5

Construct and use trail through Douglas-fir old-growth area for eco-tourism.

*Scoping: Completed*

*Decision: Completed*

*Implementation: Summer 2000*

*Contact: Mark Buehrig, 902-6970*

### **Coos Bay/North Bend Water Board**

*Oregon Dunes NRA*

T23,24S, R13W

Water diversion on Tenmile Creek, pipeline through the ODNRA, and expansion of existing well heads in the Dunes aquifer have been identified as an alternative source of water for the cities of Coos Bay and North Bend. US Army Corps of Engineers is lead agency for the EIS on the project.

*Scoping: Done, FEIS March 1999*

*Decision: ROD, September 15, 1999*

*Implementation: Fall 1999*

*Contact: Ed Becker, 271-6001*

### **Miscellaneous Special Use Permits**

*Waldport Ranger District*

*District-wide*

Water systems, roads, transmission lines, road easements, commercial haul, tailholds, concessions and minerals.

*Scoping: Ongoing*

*Decision: Ongoing*

*Implementation: Ongoing*

*Contact: Linda Montanez, 563-3211*

### **Consumers Power, Inc. SUP**

*Waldport Ranger District*

T13S, R7W, S 2, 3; T14S, R9W, S14, 23; T12S, R7W, S20, 21, 28, 29

Reroute underground powerline and replace power poles along Hwy 34, Benton County.

*Scoping: Ongoing*

*Decision: 2000*

*Implementation: 2000*

*Contact: Linda Montanez or Paul Thomas, 563-3211*

### **R.D. Gates Access SUP**

*Waldport Ranger District*

T12S, R9W, S11

R. D. Gates Timber Company is applying for an SUP to build 1600' of road to access private timber lands for timber management activities.

*Scoping: Completed*

*Decision: Fall 1999*

*Implementation: Winter 1999*

*Contact: Paul Thomas, 563-3211*

## SPECIAL USE PERMITS

### Reedy Creek Municipal Water System Repair SUP

*Waldport Ranger District*

T14S, R11W, S31

The City of Yachats, under an existing SUP, will repair their water system damaged by a debris slide in December 1998.

*Scoping: Completed*

*Decision: Completed*

*Implementation: Completed*

*Contact: Doris Tai, 563-3211*

### Consumers Power, Inc.

*Waldport Ranger District*

T14S, R9W, S7

Reconstructing transmission lines along a one-mile section of Hwy 34 and rerouting 1400 feet of transmission line off of Five Rivers road.

T12S, R7W, S19-20, S28-29

Reroute cable lines on Mary's Peak to west point and Mary's Peak communication sites.

*Scoping: Ongoing*

*Decision: 2000*

*Implementation: 2000*

*Contact: Paul Thomas, 563-3211*

### Pioneer Telephone Coop.

*Waldport Ranger District*

District-wide

Review of entire permit and re-issue.

*Scoping: Ongoing*

*Decision: 1999*

*Implementation: 1999*

*Contact: Linda Mantanez or Paul Thomas, 563-3211*

## LAND EXCHANGE

### Boise Cascade/ Lincoln City Parks and Recreation/USFS Land Exchange

*Hebo Ranger District*

T6S, R11W, S26

A three party land exchange involving Boise Cascade Corp., Lincoln City and USFS. Lincoln City will exchange a 60 acre parcel within Cascade Head Research Area with Boise Cascade. BC will exchange with USFS for federal lands of equal value.

*Scoping: Ongoing*

*Decision: Not yet determined*

*Implementation: Not yet determined*

*Contact: Bob Schulz, 750-7171*

### Port of Tillamook Land Exchange

*Hebo Ranger District*

T2S, R10W, S5

Port of Tillamook buying privately owned land of equal value to trade for 5.0 acres USFS land with scale shack west of Tillamook Blimp Base.

*Scoping: Ongoing*

*Decision: Summer 1999*

*Implementation: Fall 1999*

*Contact: Mike Schwartz, 750-7175*

### Robinson Small Tracts Act (STA)

*Mapleton Ranger District*

T16S, R9W, S14, S23

STA which may include interchange of lands to clear up innocent encroachment of house, garage and orchard.

*Scoping: Completed*

*Decision: Completed*

*Implementation: Fall 1999*

*Contact: Mike Schwartz, 750-7175*

### Millard Small Tracts Act (STA)

*Waldport Ranger District*

T14S, R12W, S11

Action results from relocation of forest road 1046-000. STA to exchange abandoned road Right of Way for easement over new location.

*Scoping: Completed*

*Decision: Summer 1999*

*Implementation: Fall 1999*

*Contact: Robert Schulz, 750-7171; or Mike Schwartz, 750-7175*



## RECREATION

### Hebo Horse Camp and Trails

*Hebo Ranger District*

T4S, R9W

Construct horse camp and numerous loop trails connecting to camp. Trails will include existing trails, obliterated and abandoned roads and new construction.

*Scoping: Summer 1999*

*Decision: Fall 1999*

*Implementation: Fall 2000*

*Contact: Don Gonzalez, 392-3161*

### Drift Creek Trailhead Parking Lot Expansion

*Hebo Ranger District*

T7S, R10W, S25

Expand existing parking lot by 0.13 acre.

*Scoping: Winter 1999*

*Decision: Summer 1999*

*Implementation: Fall 2000*

*Contact: Brent Erskine, 503-392-3161*

### Sand Dunes East

*Mapleton Ranger District*

T17S, R12W, S35; T18S, R12W, S2  
OHV Management and Access Plan.

*Scoping: Completed*

*Decision: Completed*

*Implementation: Ongoing*

*Contact: Mark Buehrig, 902-6970*

### North Fork Smith River Trail

*Mapleton Ranger District*

T19S, R9W, S19, S30

Place two foot bridges across North Fork Smith River.

*Scoping: Completed*

*Decision: Completed*

*Implementation: Ongoing*

*Contact: Mark Buehrig, 902-6970*

### Trails Reconstruction

*Oregon Dunes NRA*

T19S, R12W, S33; T20S, R12W, S8, S17

Reconstruct Lagoon and Taylor Dune Trails to improve universal access (accessibility) and Overlook Trail for improved winter access.

*Scoping: November, 1999*

*Decision: February, 2000*

*Implementation: Not yet determined*

*Contact: Dave Braley, 271-6060*

### Visitor Center Landscaping

*Oregon Dunes NRA*

T21S, R12W, S34

Reconstruct landscape outside visitor center and add interpretive facilities.

*Scoping: October, 1999*

*Decision: December, 1999*

*Implementation: Spring 2000*

*Contact: Dave Braley, 271-6060*

### Bluebill Trail Reconstruction

*Oregon Dunes NRA*

T24S, R13W, S32, S33

Reconstruct and partially relocate Bluebill trail, including structures.

*Scoping: October 1999*

*Decision: March 2000*

*Implementation: Not yet determined.*

*Contact: Dave Braley, 271-6060*

### Siuslaw Vista Trail

*Oregon Dunes NRA*

T18S, R12W, S33, S34

Construct trail from overlook into dunes.

*Scoping: October 1999*

*Decision: December 1999*

*Implementation: Spring 1999*

*Contact: Dave Braley, 271-6060*

### Butterfield Lake

*Oregon Dunes NRA*

T24S, R13W, S3

Master plan and site plans for road and trail access.

*Scoping: Ongoing*

*Decision: Not yet determined*

*Implementation: Not yet determined*

*Contact: Dave Braley, 271-6060*

### Driftwood Facilities

*Oregon Dunes NRA*

T19S, R12W, S32

Construct day use and camping facilities including restrooms.

*Scoping: Completed*

*Decision: Completed*

*Implementation: Ongoing*

*Contact: Dave Braley, 271-6060*

### Dunes Overlook Visual Restoration

*Oregon Dunes NRA*

T20S, R12W, S17

Restore open dune area west of Oregon Dunes overlook.

*Scoping: Completed*

*Decision: Completed*

*Implementation: Ongoing*

*Contact: Dave Braley, 271-6060*

### Foredune Prescribed Burn

*Oregon Dunes NRA*

Reduce fuel loading and retard woody plant encroachment with prescribed burning on selected foredune and deflation plain segments.

*Scoping: Completed*

*Decision: Completed*

*Implementation: Ongoing*

*Contact: Dave Braley, 271-6060*



## RECREATION

### Siltcoos-Goose Pasture Vegetation Management

*Oregon Dunes NRA*

T19S, R12W

Control of non-native vegetation to restore sand dunes.

*Scoping: March 2000*

*Decision: Not yet determined*

*Implementation: Not yet determined*

*Contact: Dave Braley, 271-6060*

### Horsfall Day Use Area/ Transportation

*Oregon Dunes NRA*

T24S; R13W; S28,29,32,33

Improve integration of day use and transportation systems by development of day use areas and sand road.

*Scoping: Completed*

*Decision: Completed*

*Implementation: Not yet determined*

*Contact: Dave Braley, 271-6060*

### Lagoon Restoration

*Oregon Dunes NRA*

T19S, R12W, S33

Treat unwanted non-native vegetation by chemical methods and restore to natural conditions.

*Scoping: Ongoing*

*Decision: March 2000*

*Implementation: Not yet determined*

*Contact: Bill Wall, 271-6042*

### Hall-Schuttpelz Lake

*Oregon Dunes NRA*

T23S, R13W, S1

Develop trailhead and day use site; reconstruct trails.

*Scoping: Completed*

*Decision: Fall 1999*

*Implementation: Winter 2000*

*Contact: Dave Braley, 271-6060*

### Umpqua Beach #2 Accessibility

*Oregon Dunes NRA*

T22S, R13W, S23

Construct short accessible trail from parking lot to ocean viewpoint.

*Scoping: Completed*

*Decision: Completed*

*Implementation: September 1999*

*Contact: Dave Braley, 271-6060*

### Tahkenitch Campground Reconstruction

*Oregon Dunes NRA*

T20S, R12W, S22

Reconstruct campground water and roads. Expand Trailhead.

*Scoping: Completed*

*Decision: Completed*

*Implementation: Ongoing*

*Contact: Dave Braley, 271-6060*

### Bluebill CG Drainfield Improvement

*Oregon Dunes NRA*

T24S; R13W; S32

Relocates and extends drainfield for Bluebill Campground.

*Scoping: Completed*

*Decision: Completed*

*Implementation: Not yet determined*

*Contact: Dave Braley, 271-6060*

### Cape Perpetua Interpretive Center Entrance Road

*Waldport Ranger District*

T15S, R12W, S2,3

Reconstruct entrance road to interpretive center. Improve wheelchair accessible parking and improve safe access to parking lot for larger vehicles.

*Scoping: Ongoing*

*Decision: 2000*

*Implementation: 2000*

*Contact: Gina Owens, 563-3211*

### Flood Restoration/Misc. Recreation

*Waldport Ranger District*

Tenmile Creek Watershed; T15S, R11W, S34, S35; T16S, R11W, S1  
Construct a hiking trail approximately 1.8 miles long on a road segment in the recently acquired Diamond B property. The bridge that crosses Tenmile Creek will have abutments reinforced and decking replaced for pedestrian use. A dispersed campsite will be located in the vicinity of the new trail.

*Scoping: Completed*

*Decision: EA, April 1998*

*Implementation: 1998-2000*

*Contact: Ken McCall, 750-7141*

### Devil's Churn Viewing Platform

*Waldport Ranger District*

T15S, R12W, S3

Construction of a concrete viewing platform above Devil's Churn.

*Scoping: Completed*

*Decision: Completed*

*Implementation: Fall 1999*

*Contact: Gina Owens, 563-3211*

### NOTICE - Request for Proposals to operate and maintain three major recreation components of the Waldport Ranger District.

- 6 Campgrounds and 2 day-use areas
- Heceta House
- Cape Perpetua Interpretive Center

Release coming out soon (October). For more information contact: Waldport Ranger District Office 563-3211.

## Mina Bird Commercial Thinning EIS

*Hebo Ranger District*

T4S, R8W  
Development of Late-Successional stand characteristics by commercially thinning 400 acres of "off-site" Douglas-fir stands, including 260 acres within the Hebo-Nestucca RARE II roadless area.

*Scoping: Ongoing*

*Decision: Undetermined*

*Implementation: Undetermined*

*Contact: Brent Erskine, 503-392-3161*

## Schooner Sails Commercial Thinning

*Hebo Ranger District*

T7S, R10W and T4S, R8 & 9W  
Harvest of young conifer to reduce stocking levels and promote development of late-successional forest characteristics.

*Scoping: Winter 1998*

*Decision: DN, July 23, 1997*

*Implementation: Sold 5/5/99*

*Contact: Brent Erskine, 392-3161*

## Baxter (Louie) Creek Thinning

*Hebo Ranger District*

T5S, R9W  
Development of late-successional stand characteristics by commercial thinning of approximately 300 acres in 70-80 year old stands.

*Scoping: February 1998*

*Decision: DN, June 28, 1998*

*Implementation: Sold 7/7/99*

*Contact: Brent Erskine, 392-3161*

## Precommercial Thinning

*Hebo Ranger District*

*District-wide*

Maintain growth and vigor by precommercial thinning of 5- to 15-year-old plantations.

*Scoping: Summer 1999*

*Decision: Fall 1999*

*Implementation: Winter 2000*

*Contact: Wayne Patterson,*

*392-3161*

## Commercial Thinning - Rock, Erickson and Lower Schooner Subwatersheds (Rotweiler Project)

*Hebo Ranger District*

T7S, R10W

Development of late-successional stand characteristics by commercial thinning in 35-40 year old plantations.

*Scoping: October 1998*

*Decision: DN, April 23, 1999*

*Implementation: Sold 6/16/99*

*Contact: Brent Erskine, 392-3161*

## Bearcat Commercial Thin

*Hebo Ranger District*

T35S, R9W

Development of late-successional stand characteristics by commercial thinning in 35 to 60 year old stands within LSR and AMA lands.

*Scoping: November 1999*

*Decision: Spring 2000*

*Implementation: Summer 2000*

*Contact: Brent Erskine, 392-3161*

## Gauldy North Commercial Thin

*Hebo Ranger District*

T4S, R9W

Development of late-successional stand characteristics by commercial thinning in stands 35 to 70 years within LSR and AMA lands.

*Scoping: Winter 2000*

*Decision: Spring 2000*

*Implementation: Summer 2000*

*Contact: Brent Erskine, 392-3161*

## Lower Siuslaw Commercial Thin

*Mapleton Ranger District*

T19S, R10W; T18S, R10W

Reduce stocking levels of stands 25-35 years of age by thinning to promote late-successional forest characteristics in LSR and high timber yields on matrix lands.

*Scoping: Winter 2000*

*Decision: Spring 2000*

*Implementation: 2001*

*Contact: Don Large, 902-6971*

## Deadwood/Taylor Commercial Thinning

*Mapleton Ranger District*

Deadwood Watershed

T17S, T16S, R9W, R10W

Reduce stocking levels of stands 25-35 years of age by thinning to promote late-successional forest characteristics in LSR and high timber yields on matrix lands.

*Scoping: Completed*

*Decision: DN, May 2, 1998*

*Implementation: Deadwood sold 5/5/99, Taylor pending*

*Contact: Mark Buehrig, 902-6970*

## Stocking Control

*Mapleton Ranger District*

District-wide

Maintain growth and vigor by precommercial thinning of 5- to 15-year-old plantations.

*Scoping: Summer 1999*

*Decision: Fall 1999*

*Implementation: Winter 2000*

*Contact: Leonard Larson, 902-6951*

## Green Panther Commercial Thinning

*Mapleton Ranger District*

T16S, R9W

Reduce stocking levels of stands 25-35 years old by thinning to promote late-successional forest characteristics in LSR and high timber yields on matrix lands.

*Scoping: Completed*

*Decision: Winter 2000*

*Implementation: Spring 2000*

*Contact: Don Large, 902-6971*

## Tenmile Creek-Riparian Conifer Management

*Waldport Ranger District*

T15S; R11,12W

Release approximately 194 acres of conifer from alder competition, including 126 acres planted with conifer seedlings. Fifteen acres of non-commercial thinning of conifer plantation to accelerate late-successional riparian conditions.

*Scoping: Completed*

*Decision: May 1996*

*Implementation: Partially completed; remainder 1999*

*Contact: Jack Sleeper, 563-3211*

## Eichler Thin - Commercial Thinning

*Mapleton Ranger District*

N. Fork Siuslaw Watershed, T17S, R10W

Reduce stocking levels of stands 30-50 years of age by thinning to promote late-successional forest characteristics.

*Scoping: Completed*

*Decision: DN, 7/30/99*

*Implementation: FY 2000*

*Contact: Don Large, 902-6971*

## Drift Home Project: Commercial Thinning

*Waldport Ranger District*

Drift Creek and Big Elk Watersheds  
T12,13S; R9,10W

Reduce stocking levels of stands 25-35 years of age to maintain stand health and to promote late-successional forest characteristics of LSR #R0268.

*Scoping: Completed*

*Decision: DN, December 31, 1997*

*Implementation: Cougar Bear Thin sold 6/98; Big Gopher Thin sold 7/7/99*

*Contact: Lloyd Palmer, 563-3211*

## Stocking Manipulation 1999

*Waldport Ranger District*

District-wide

Reduction of stocking in young stands (7-19 yrs. old) to maintain growth and vigor of residual trees. Approx. 1,094 acres.

*Scoping: Completed*

*Decision: Summer 1999*

*Implementation: Fall 1999*

*Contact: Ed Obermeyer, 563-3211*

## Boulder Path Thin, SPC

*Waldport Ranger District*

T14S, R10W, S13

Commercially thin one 12-acre plantation using skyline cable logging system.

*Scoping: Completed*

*Decision: Drift Home EA, December 1997*

*Implementation: Summer 1999*

*Contact: Lloyd Palmer, 563-3211*

## Conifer Release 2000

*Waldport Ranger District*

District-wide

Release of selected seedlings from brush and hardwoods affecting 300 acres.

*Scoping: Completed*

*Decision: Completed*

*Implementation: Spring/Summer 2000*

*Contact: Ed Obermeyer, 563-3211*



## ROADS

### Flood Damage Road Repairs

#### *Forest-wide*

Winter storms in February 1996 through winter 1999 damaged roads on the Siuslaw National Forest. Work includes culvert replacements, slope stabilization, debris removal, and geotechnically constructed fills.

*Scoping: Ongoing*

*Decision: Ongoing*

*Implementation: Ongoing*

*Contact: Mauricio Ribera, 750-7140*

### Road Obliteration

#### *Hebo Ranger District*

Drift Creek Watershed  
Culvert and fill removal, sidecast pullback, waterbarring and road closure. Road: 1900 (segments).

*Scoping: Completed*

*Decision: Winter 1999*

*Implementation: Summer 1999*

*Contact: Brent Erskine, 392-3161*

### Misery Ridge Road Obliteration

#### *Mapleton Ranger District*

T16S, R9W, S15,16,21  
Culvert and fill removal, sidecast pullback, waterbarring and road closure of about 1.25 miles of road 3500-612.

*Scoping: Completed*

*Decision: Summer 1999*

*Implementation: Summer 1999*

*Contact: Johan Hogervorst, 902-6956*

### Big Blue Project--Road Decommissioning

#### *Waldport Ranger District*

T16S, R11W, S29,30,31,32,33; T16S, R12W, S35,36

Waterbarring, fill removal and road closure on Road 1059-654 and a section of Road 1059.

*Scoping: Completed*

*Decision: DN, May 10, 1996*

*Implementation: Summer/Fall 2000*

*Contact: Bruce Buckley, 563-3211*

### Flood Restoration/Road Obliteration

#### *Waldport Ranger District*

Cummins/Tenmile and Yachats Watersheds

Culvert and fill removal, sidecast pullback, waterbarring and road closure. Roads affected: Segment of road 5491 between roads 5590 and 5491-411, and roads in recently acquired Diamond B property.

*Scoping: Completed*

*Decision: EA, April 1998*

*Implementation: Summer 1999 + 2000*

*Contact: Mike Battles, 563-3211*

### Drift Home Project: Road Stabilization and Closure

#### *Waldport Ranger District*

Drift Creek and Big Elk Watersheds  
T12,13S; R9,10W

Provide drainage control, remove fill and culverts from designated stream crossings, remove unstable sidecast material and close roads. These activities are expected to impact 30 miles of roads within the Drift Creek watershed and 10 miles of roads within the Mill, Homestead and Lower Big Elk subbasins of the Big Elk Watershed.

*Scoping: Completed*

*Decision: DN, December 31, 1997*

*Implementation: Beginning*

*Summer 1998*

*Contact: Bruce Buckley, 563-3211*

## WATERSHED ANALYSIS

Seventeen watershed analyses have been completed (about 84% of the Forest) including Nestucca Complex, North Fork of Siuslaw, Cummins/Tenmile (coastal stream watersheds between Cape Perpetua and Heceta Head), Yaquina/Big Elk, Mercer/Berry, Oregon Dunes NRA, Indian/Deadwood, Drift Creek-Siletz, Lobster/Five Rivers, Drift Creek (Alsea), Smith River, Yachats, Little Nestucca, Lower Siuslaw, Lower Umpqua, Sand Lake, Salmon Neskowin and Coastal Lakes. The analyses provide a better understanding of the aquatic and terrestrial environments within the watersheds and reveal some management implications for meeting objectives of the Northwest Forest Plan.

The following watershed analyses are being completed or conducted:

### Lower Alsea

#### *Waldport Ranger District*

*Status: Completed*

*Contact: Karen Bennett, 750-7101*

### Beaver

#### *Waldport Ranger District*

*Status: Ongoing*

*Contact: Craig Snider, 750-7077*



## MULTI-PROJECTS

### **Peach/Fiddle Commercial Thinning and Related Projects**

*Mapleton Ranger District*

T20S, R10-11W

Thin and harvest 1343 acres of 25-50 year old tree plantations, place about 150 stream structures, decommission or stabilize and close about 35 miles of existing roads, plant trees, create snags, treat noxious weeds, create 12 acres of meadow, and establish a long-term road waste disposal site.

*Scoping: Completed*

*Decision: Fiddle-DN, 7/30/99*

*Peach-Pending*

*Implementation: 2000-2002*

*Contact: Don Large, 902-6971*

### **Five Rivers Landscape Management Project EIS**

*Waldport Ranger District*

Five Rivers Watershed

T15S, R10-11W

Thin and harvest about 3230 acres of 25-35 year old managed stands, decommission about 49 miles of road, stabilize and close 77 miles of road, build and maintain a road to access private property, create and maintain 40 acres of meadows, add structures to 18 miles of stream, precommercially thin about 2366 acres, plant trees, create snags and down wood, and treat noxious weeds.

*Scoping: Completed*

*Decision: Draft EIS, comment period ends 12/30/99*

*Implementation: 2000*

*Contact: Paul Thomas or Bruce Buckley, 563-3211*